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DESCARBOETHOXYLORATADINE

(AS AMENDED)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please enter and consider the following amendments and remarks. Provision for the required claim fee is being submitted concurrently herewith.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE TITLE

Please amend the title as follows:

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METHODS [AND COMPOSITIONS] FOR TREATING [ALLERGIC RHINITIS AND OTHER DISORDERS] <u>URTICARIA</u> USING DESCARBOETHOXYLORATADINE

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

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34. (Amended) A method of treating urticaria in a human [while avoiding the concomitant liability of adverse side effects associated with the administration of non-sedating antihistamines,] comprising administering to said human a therapeutically effective amount of [DCL] descarboethoxyloratadine or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.